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Team 'Scott 3 Rox' leads the pack at the start of Stage 2 of 'Crank the Shield'. For full story see page 18.

Highlands OPP go after local grow ops

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding Highlands residents of the dangers associated with outdoor marijuana grow operations after a large bust in Minden earlier this month.

On Sept. 6, officers from the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, Central Region Drug Unit and Emergency Response Team executed a warrant on a Minden grow op that resulted in the seizure of 73 large marijuana plants. Along with the plants, officers seized a handgun, five pounds of marijuana and a safe that contained large quantities

of oxycontin, percocets, marijuana resin and other prescription medicines.

Harry Mazlowski, 43, of Minden Hills, Stephen Dow, 46, of Dysart et al, and Armand Teofilo, 39, of Severn Township, were each charged with production of marijuana, two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, unauthorized possession of a firearm, careless use of a firearm, and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

The total value of the drugs seized was over \$92,000, with an additional \$5,000 in Canadian currency.

Sandy Adams, constable with the OPP, said these grow ops

continue to be a concern for police in the county.

"This time of year, we do get an increased number of calls for service regarding marijuana plants being located on various properties throughout the county," she said. "That is because the plants are maturing, and it is harvest time."

Because these operations often involve organized crime, Adams said they can be very dangerous to the community.

"It is a very lucrative business," she said. "We have seen increased violence in recent years, with suspects trying to protect their grow ops against being stolen by others."

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County bids for winter games

By Lisa Harrison

The Highlands will host the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games (formerly Senior Winter Games) if the county's bid is approved next year.

At county council's Aug. 29 meeting, 2011 games chair Alan Clark presented evidence of sufficient support for the bid and councillors agreed to proceed.

The winning bid will be announced in February at the Huntsville games.

The bid deadline was extended to Oct. 30 when the summer deadline lapsed with no submissions received. Staff brought the opportunity to council in July along with Clark's agreement to prepare the bid. Council decided to submit a letter of intent and determine whether past volunteers would provide sufficient support before proceeding.

Clark contacted the 2011 committee members and 12 of the 14 strongly support a new bid. So does the county's district coordinator for the Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) due to the county's 2011 success and the significant increase in the number of county residents 55 and older participating in sport.

As well, Myke Malone is willing to put his name forward for 2015 general manager, having done what Clark called "an outstanding job" as GM in 2011.

Clark said last year's games deposited more than \$500,000 in new (not local) dollars in the Highlands over three days, put more than \$43,000 back into the community, including new sports equipment, and generated strong community spirit.

The 2015 committee will try to improve on last year's

success by expanding the economic impact during the games and extending it afterward by drawing athletes and their families back, especially in the off-season.

Early ideas include determining ways to enhance the athletes' experiences, creating a tourism sub-committee for better promotion throughout the games, and adding business representation to help persuade the estimated 1,000 athletes and visitors to spend even more dollars.

"I would take full responsibility if in any way we misled the local business community into thinking that downtowns would be full of people and pockets jingling with money [in 2011]," said Clark, acknowledging complaints from some businesses about lack of new revenue.

The 2015 bid budget is estimated at \$550,000 versus \$530,000 in 2011, allowing for inflation. Local businesses donated services valued at \$75,000 last year.

The province grants \$200,000 for the games and registration fees will total \$150,000, so the 2015 committee will seek \$200,000 in grants and sponsorships, primarily outside the county. The county will be responsible for any overage.

"I think you've hit some of the spots by saying you can't push the local small advertisers any [further]," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "I think that was one of the things that caused the controversy about the economic benefit. They were asked to provide money for a sign or something and they didn't see anybody, so they wondered how they should be involved."

Fearrey suggested opening the event for an additional night or day. He also advised county personnel have indicated they will have fewer hours available to support the committee this time.

Marijuana harvest season a dangerous time

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"These situations can be extremely dangerous."

According to an OPP release, marijuana crops are harvested as early as late August to the beginning of October. During that period, the people who grow these illegal crops head into rural areas, like the Highlands, to care for their sometimes large plots of marijuana plants.

These operations are usually located in swamps, corn fields, wooded areas, along rivers and on rural rental properties with large acreage.

"Citizens are finding the plants on their property, planted by someone else," said Adams. "[They] are calling police about suspicious persons or vehicles in their neighbourhood who could be involved in harvesting activities."

While some people believe marijuana to be a harmless drug, Adams said that is not the case.

"Canadian marijuana is often shipped to the USA in trade for harder drugs like cocaine and heroin," she said. "These are not the things that we want in our communities here in Canada."

If you come across a marijuana grow operation, the OPP urge you not to enter the area, but to call it in at the earliest and safest opportunity to do so. Due to potential chemical use, do not touch the marijuana plants.

Signs of a grow op in the area include abandoned vehicles parked on side roads or trails, people observed walking in remote areas for no apparent reason, bags of fertilizer located in remote areas, well-trampled trails in wooded or swamp areas, and the recent posting of "No Trespassing" signs.

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AH council splits on meeting schedule changes

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council will continue to meet twice monthly after defeating a recommendation to meet once a month starting in October.

The recommendation was presented by chief administrative officer Angie Bird at council's Sept. 6 meeting.

In 2000 when the Stanhope and Sherborne et al townships amalgamated, two monthly meetings were deemed necessary to handle post-amalgamation files, issues and regular business. Meetings were set for the first and third Thursdays of the month.

In 2007 meetings were reduced to once monthly in summer and December. Since then council has sometimes met twice monthly for as few as four months of the year.

Bird argued this plus council's usual ability to conclude business by 3 p.m. once monthly in the busiest season (summer) to illustrate one meeting would be sufficient, and noted productivity and efficiency could be improved with fewer meetings.

Other municipalities in the county vary between one and two meetings.

Councillors acknowledged the additional work and time required of staff to prepare for and attend two meetings. However, Reeve Carol Moffatt accepted comments twice around the table and only she and Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson were willing to adopt Bird's recommendation.

Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen, Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry and Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle voted for the status quo. Arguments included an increased sense of transparency for the public and the ability to process committee agenda items more quickly on constituents' behalf.

"I just don't think we're ready to change it," Danielsen summarized. "Things continue to come up and I know that sometimes it's easy for us to pick up the phone and say, 'Well, what's going on with this', but there's also something to be very much gained by a meeting of the minds and discussing it as a group. That's the way it's supposed to work and the way it does work."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Summer Festival receives \$5,000 donation

Jack Brezina (left), president of the Highlands Summer Festival, accepts a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 from Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities. The funds are used to employ student stage managers during the summer who are currently studying the arts at either Humber College or Sheridan College.

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Editorial opinion

The fall update

Well, the summer is over and the Phonebook Project is now in full swing.

We finished off the 'B' section this week, so if your last name starts with a 'C', you should be expecting my call.

The project is exciting for us at the paper because it gives us an opportunity to really tell the County's story. I hear a lot of people tell me they aren't interested, don't want to be in the spotlight, so on and so forth. But that's not what this project is about.

Everybody has a story. It's true. If you stop and really think about what defines your life, you'll find multiple stories there. I'm just asking for you to share one of those. It's easy, it's fun, and it's exciting for others to read, whether you believe it or not.

I hope if you get the call this week, you'll answer and participate in the project. It's a worthwhile undertaking.

As we get ready for another exciting sports season, I'd like to introduce our new sports writer, Warren Riley, or just Riley, as we like to call him around the office.

Riley comes to us with plenty of experience and enthusiasm to cover the sporting events that are such an integral part of life in Haliburton. Admittedly over the summer we did not provide up-to-par sports coverage, but Riley is here to help us fix that. I've been promising sports, and now it's time to deliver.

And don't forget about our website.

The Highlander is in the process of hiring a webmaster to help us take

our site to the next level. That means regular updates with daily news, pictures, and multimedia as well. The selected candidate will enable us to provide readers with a top of the line website for all their local media needs.

We should be announcing our new webmaster in the weeks to come.

The last thing I wanted to mention was our Trophy Wall.

The Wall has been a huge success this summer. We continue to receive submissions from proud anglers ready to show off their catch. But as we all know, hunting season has begun.

The Trophy Wall is not just a place for fish. We will post pictures of your bucks, bulls, or whatever else you have successfully — and legally — shot. The format should be the same as the current Wall. Provide me your name, where you were, what you shot and when you shot it, and I will do my best to get it on the Trophy Wall where it belongs.

Hunting is a big part of life in Haliburton County, and we're proud of it.

Have a safe and successful season.



By Matthew Desrosiers

The Green Reaper



By Bram Lebo

The only thing I enjoy more than the smell of wood smoke on the first cold evenings of fall is home-made roasted pumpkin seeds. There's just something about scraping them out, salting and baking them that makes them so much more savoury than the ones you can buy in bags. The pumpkins are in early this year — a warm summer brought an early harvest — and so I've got a lot of roasting to do.

There's another harvest coming in around here, one that's getting quite a bit more attention than the surplus of rotund squash: apparently all the marijuana that supposedly grows here is ready for cutting.

We know this from the ardent efforts of local law enforcement, their well-publicized raids on hidden crops and well-distributed literature about what we can do to help. The question is: why?

Marijuana — like coffee or tobacco — is a plant. It doesn't need to be processed before use and can therefore be considered a natural product. It can grow, basically, in a pot and from all the activity seems to do well here in the Highlands.

Growers fall somewhere along a wide spectrum. On one end, you have your average citizens growing a few plants in backyards and on balconies for their own personal uses, of which there are many. Seniors use pot to relieve symptoms of arthritis; cancer patients to help with nausea and appetite; multiple sclerosis patients to reduce pain. It's used for insomnia, glaucoma, anxiety and a myriad of other ailments. And of course there are "recreational" users who enjoy the mood-altering effects of smoking or eating marijuana.

On the other end of the continuum we have drug dealers and grow-ops, typically a nasty assortment of criminals whose motive is primarily money. It's from this group that most of the trouble with marijuana emanates, be it in booby-trapped outdoor plantations, fire-prone indoor growing rooms or the violence that inevitably comes with dealing illegal substances on the street. This kind of criminality is anything but harmless.

But it's important to note that were it not for marijuana prohibition, these criminals would not — could not — exist. Drugs, like just about everything else, obey the law of supply and demand. If medicinal and recreational users could legally grow the stuff for their own use (or, as some suggest, buy it at the LCBO), there would be no need to buy it from criminals. We're creating these criminals with our laws, just as (alcohol) prohibition in the 1930s led to rum running, speakeasies and violent turf wars.

In fact our laws make every user a criminal, or at least everyone who lacks the good fortune to have power and connections. Nobody is going after Dalton McGuinty, Tim Hudak or Rob Ford, all of whom have used pot. You can't get much more hypocritical than putting people in jail for the same thing you yourself have done with impunity. But why should anyone go after them? Their past marijuana use is no secret. And nobody cares. Nobody should, provided they're not using it on the job.

The argument that marijuana is harmful doesn't hold water. Thousands die every year

from perfectly legal substances like alcohol and cigarettes, while the number killed from smoking pot is exactly zero. Marijuana does not induce violent behaviour as alcohol can do, nor has it been shown to be carcinogenic. There are few activities you could do — including driving to work or gardening — that carry less risk.

So why the opposition to a plant? Our MP says he doesn't want his kids to use it. He probably doesn't want his kids to become alcoholics or get divorced either, but that doesn't mean alcohol and divorce need to be made illegal. Laws are no substitute for parenting. Besides, in the Netherlands, where marijuana has been decriminalized for years, use among young people has gone down.

It seems once the thrill of the subversive is no longer there, interest wanes. There are many examples of how legalizing or decriminalizing drugs leads to lower use, and to more treatment for those who need it, especially for harder drugs. That's why so many medical professionals advocate treating drug use as a health issue, not a criminal one.

Conspiracy theorists would say that marijuana is illegal to protect the beer companies. I'm not so sure — you can bet the beer and cigarette companies have thought about this and how to beat any upstarts to the market should the illegal become legal. Within no time we'd probably have all kinds of brands and flavours available, just as we do with alcohol.

Another theory is that prohibition of a substance used by so many people (something like 50 per cent of Canadians have tried it) allows the police and government to choose who gets prosecuted, so that they can easily find a transgression to justify charges and prison time.

No, I think the reason marijuana is still illegal is that some people, unfortunately including many who make our laws, just don't like the idea of it. It's certainly not the evidence of harm — there's hardly any, and what exists is far less than the evidence against alcohol, or even trans-fats. It's not what their constituents want, because a majority of Canadians would like marijuana legalized. And it's not because of the criminality involved in growing and selling marijuana, because that would disappear with legalization. Some busy-bodies just like to tell grown adults what they can and cannot do.

They peddle in floodgates arguments: that if pot is legalized, every driver, kid and roller coaster operator will be high, and before we know it they'll be strung out heroin addicts.

That's just silly. Of course driving while impaired, by anything, will still be against the law, and coming to work or school high will still be grounds for dismissal or suspension.

It's a shame that so much of our police resources, judicial and correctional systems are spent on punishing marijuana use. Ironically, pot seems to be the one thing that grows well in the Highlands — it could be the industry we've been waiting for since the demise of large-scale logging, forty years ago.

It could, you might say, keep our economy from going to pot.

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Thank you to a mystery hero

Dear editor,

My heartfelt thanks to the gentleman who found my wallet at the Coby Carwash on the afternoon of Sept. 12. The police brought it to my door about an hour later.
You can imagine my panic when I discovered that I had left it there. I was ready to begin the arduous task of reporting the loss of the credit cards, driver's license, etc. when there was a knock at my door, and there stood a police officer with my wallet in his hand.

The finder was on his way to Oshawa, stopped a police car and handed over the wallet. All the police officer could tell me was that his vehicle was orange and that he lived in the Minden area. So again, whoever you are, thank you so very much. You have reinforced this 87-year-old lady's faith in human nature.

*Mildred Vaughan
Head Lake*

The Outsider — A chilling tale

Last year the devastation was horrific, the losses catastrophic. Picture the scene. We awoke to a crisp fall morning, the first crystalline crunch of frost on the ground and the dead and dying lying all around, some withered, some oozing from open wounds.
"Wha... What happened?" asked my lovely wife in a shaky voice. "What can we do? How do we salvage the ones that aren't beyond redemption?"
I had no answer as we stared forlornly out over our crop of frost bitten tomatoes, oblivious to the beauty of the sparkling spiders' webs in the tag alders and the scent of fresh, cool fall air.
Last year we lost hundreds of tomatoes to the frost, not to mention squash and basil, too. It was our first year as gardeners. Not our first year gardening in Canada but our inaugural season as growers of our own produce, and as such, we were novices in all things green, orange, red and growing.
But, they say you learn from your mistakes and that we did. This is why, if you'd passed my place a few evenings ago, you would have done a double take. There, in the half-light of dusk, was a figure dressed in shorts, baseball cap and wellington boots, hunched in the middle of a vegetable patch, carefully bundling a tomato plant into a garbage bag.
Before you call the OPP, it was me, clad in what any self-

respecting fashion-conscious Englishman would choose to wear for mooching around the garden. From tomato to tomato to squash and basil I went, carefully coaxing and cajoling the plants and their precious fruits into plastic bags or wrapping them in tarps, tucking them up for the night no less; making sure that they were comfortable and suitably cloaked against the frost, my dreaded foe of a year gone by.
Such was my vigilance this year that I had been watching, listening to and Googling the weather for over a month now. I'd been on high alert for any sign of night-time temperatures that dropped near zero. The summer's blazing heat and lack of rain have left my garden looking rather less than perfect but whether withered and weak or not (the plants, not me!) I was not going to let the frost nip at my plump red orbs.
And then it came, the forecast of just three degrees Celsius overnight. I could afford to take no chances; this could be it, zero hour!
A kind-hearted friend called to warn me of the impending, likely, probable potential for a frosty morn but I was already on high alert. On went the wellies and cap and out into the dusk strode I. My lovely wife came too, dressed in far more fetching fashion; while Little Z looked on bemused, not quite understanding the urgency and seriousness of the situation. Ah, to have those carefree years over again... But alas, I am

It's time for a change

Dear editor,

I recently had the opportunity to attend a cruise, leaving from Fenelon Falls to travel Sturgeon Lake. Here I met Andrea Horvath, the provincial leader of the NDP. All the guests paid their own way and were there to hear what she had to say about the future of Ontario.
Andrea, I found, was a very straightforward shooter in what she said about her vision for the future and what our glorious McGuinty is doing to our province. Recently, in an editorial opinion by Bram (Sept. 13) he backed up everything she had said on the boat about the McGuinty government; wasteful spending, corporate tax cuts, and the ever-growing divide between the middle class and the rich.
The subject of the teacher's contract was not yet in the news at the time, and I agree with Bram, the banking of sick days is a little hard to take for most of us, but there is a line here that has been crossed, that being the reneging of a negotiated contract by the province. Our teachers, the majority being dedicated to the students they teach, are our future. They teach the young of today, hopefully to be the hope, prosperity, and the mother of invention in what is yet to come. I have not got the statistics for 2012, but in 2009/2010, Canada was ranked third in math, reading and scientific education, behind South Korea and Finland. Will our teachers feel as dedicated to keeping this alive if the province has no respect for their value? The USA was ranked number 33 by the way.
You know from my past letters I have no love for McGuinty, because of his health care cuts that affect the older generation. If a person has a good paying job, lives in the GTA with all the services McGuinty contributes to, these cuts probably don't matter much. But to us in Haliburton and surrounding counties, every dollar counts, every cut hurts.
I joined the NDP. It cost me five bucks. I looked into Andrea Horvath's eyes and she looked directly into mine when she talked. I saw honesty. Time for a change. Charest recently took on the students of Quebec and now is looking for a job. Here's hoping McGuinty taking on the teachers has the same effect.

*Ted Cumber
Gooderham*

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By Will Jones

now of an age where defending my tomatoes against the wickedness of the weather matters much, and, despite yearning for a second adolescence, I am doomed to forever fuss about the frost.
And so it came to pass that the dark cold night gave way to the first light of morning. The ground was indeed cloaked in a carpet of sparkling white and my veggie garden looked like it had been bombed by a garbage truck. The bulbous bags that shrouded my tomatoes were still in place, and, while not really adding to the magical scene of the fall's first frosty morn, they had done their job, I hoped.
On went the shorts, wellies, baseball cap and out into the bracing freshness I hurried. A careful extraction from bin bag and the first tomato plant looked perfectly healthy; its fruit tasting sweet and tangy on my pre-breakfast tongue.
As the bags came off the sun rose higher and the garden changed from white sparkles to teardrops of dew. There was no death and destruction. There were no losses; no wounds nor withered leaves. I had beaten the frost: the battle was won.
Mark my novice gardener's words, though, the war is far from over.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What are your feelings on marijuana?



Derrick Smith

Haliburton

I used to smoke it when I was younger. There are people that need it. When I did it I got anxiety attacks.



Paul Markwick

Wasaga Beach

I think that it should be legalized and then we could get some taxes out of it.



Whitney MacDuff

Haliburton

It is better than opiates and other drugs and I wish that they would legalize it as most of the town smokes it.

David Hartwick

Bradford

I do not believe that it should be legalized for the general public, but for medication that is different. Legal with a prescription from the doctor, that is fine.



Margurite Travers

Cape Breton

I think that legalizing it with controls is fine. It could be sold through something similar to the LCBO or the pharmacy.



THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: BROWN

By Matthew Desrosiers

Do you remember when the railroad was in town?

Doris Brown, an 82-year-old Haliburton resident does. In fact, as went the railroad, so too did her and her family's lives.

Doris and her late husband Homer moved to Haliburton in 1957, with four kids.

"We came in '57," Doris said. "My husband was the station agent."

Back then, the station was the hub of the town, she said. And Homer was right in the middle of it. He sold tickets, handled telegraphs, and ran the station.

During the summers, the camps kept him busy.

"When he worked, the camps came by train," Doris recalled. "Camp Whitepine and all those. I don't know how the kids came, but the baggage sure came [by train]. The baggage cars were full of the stuff that kids had because they came for the whole summer."

"On the weekends, during the first part of summer and last part of summer, I hardly saw him because he was working around the clock to get the baggage out of there."

The station was so exciting that even her father, who was retired, loved to visit and hang out there to be with Homer and shoot the breeze, she said.

As a way of supplementing the family's income, Homer also drove the school bus.

"He was well-liked by the kids," Doris said. "He ran a tight ship, but he also put music on. It was fun."

While Homer was busy at the station, Doris was home managing the family and adjusting to life in the Highlands.

"I'll never forget the day we came," she said. "It was in June and the weather was so humid. We're down in the blackflies and I thought 'what a place.'"

Doris had never seen a blackfly before,

having just moved from Sunderland.

"I thought that was awful."

In 1958, a year after they moved to Haliburton, Doris gave birth to her fifth child at the Red Cross Outpost Hospital, which is now CanoeFM.

"When I went to the doctor, I came back and I cried and I said 'I can't have the baby here, he had ashes all over the front of the shirt.'"

For those who recall Dr. Carroll, he was always smoking a cigar, she said. It was an adjustment for her coming from the clinics in Orillia.

Doris would have the baby with Dr. Carroll, and three more after that. She is the proud mother of eight children.

"Each one of the children, the four that were born here, were born at that same hospital," she said. "And the care was wonderful."

They even named their youngest child Carol in honour of the late Dr. Carroll who took such good care of the family over the years. Doris also recalls Mrs. Kellett, who would come to her door in the hospital to ask her preference for dinner and which kind of pie she would like.

"I think I went home weighing more than when I went in before the baby was born," she said. "It was so different to me, but they were just friendly, nice people."

Despite moving around the village several times, the family eventually got settled in the Highlands.

"The children all got a really good education," Doris said. "Some of them were quicker at it than others, you know, but they all went on to higher education."

The kids took swimming lessons with the Red Cross, skating lessons, and the three oldest, all boys, played some hockey too.

Some of the kids even took music lessons from Bill Glidden.

"All this time, we went to church and the Lord was looking after us," Doris said.

The family attended the chapel in West Guilford until the winters got a bit too cold to go out at night, she said. They then started going to the Gospel Lighthouse in town.

Doris said if anyone was looking for their family, they could always find them at church.

But just as things were going well for the family, they discovered the station would soon be closing.

"We intended to retire here if the job had continued," Doris said. "Of course, that was the way the economy was back then in the early 70s. That's what they thought was going to make things work better was to get rid of the trains."

While Homer was offered several positions in town, he had learned from his father the importance of a steady income and wanted to stay with the railroad.

"Because of the size of the family, and because he knew we had to have a steady income, we started to move," Doris said. "In all, we moved 17 times."

Despite his years on the railway, having started when he was 18, Homer found work on the night shift in South River. He eventually was able to work in Hanover and Walkerton. The family moved there with him.

One of her daughters, who is now a teacher at Stuart Baker Elementary, had done all her schooling in Haliburton. She was just about to start Grade 13.

"That broke her heart to have to leave."

Two years ago, an emergency operation brought the Browns back to Haliburton. Doris was in the hospital in Orillia when the family decided to bring her to her daughter's home in the Highlands. Her husband Homer followed, and they moved into a home in Haliburton.

On Sept. 2, 2011, Homer passed away in his home of a heart attack at the age of 85. He was with his wife and a physiotherapist,



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Doris Brown of Haliburton.

who was treating him for Parkinson's disease.

Under the exceptional care of Dr. Carroll for all those years, Doris had come to expect a high level of care from Haliburton doctors. She was not disappointed.

"When Homer died, everybody was just so good and they were all just doing everything over and above," she said. "You just felt that they cared and not that impersonal feel you get at a bigger place."

"Everybody at the hospital had been so good when Homer was sick. His physiotherapist worked hard with him, trying to keep him walking both for his heart and his legs, and that made him very happy because he didn't like to give up."

After the loss of her husband, Doris couldn't think of a better place to be than Haliburton, where three of her children reside.

"I feel like I'm home," she said. "I didn't know the people next door or the people across the road, but I was here just a year with my husband, not quite a year in the house. I just feel secure, and of course I know the Lord's looking after me, too."

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Church supports pregnancy centre

Submitted by Julie Goodwin

On Sept. 15 at Haliburton United Church, the North Country Gospel Choir from Lindsay came to town to sing their hearts out at the 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser for the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre.

Under the leadership of Pat Henderson, choir director, this group of over 20 men and women give freely of their time and talents in support of charitable organizations. This is the second year that they have done the Fall Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Centre.

Singing primarily southern gospel music, the choir began with a beautiful rendition of 'Wonderful Merciful Saviour'. The music took us from quiet contemplative hymns to rousing praise choruses ending in an incredible finale of a fresh complex interpretation of an old favourite, 'Jerusalem'. With a combination of solos, choruses and full choir selections, this group fully entertained the audience.

The evening included the drawing of 20 names for door prizes donated by the following local merchants: Cranberry

Cottage, Dar's Family Haircutters, Teddy Time, Pottery by Barbara Joy Peel, Master's Book Store, Highlanders Auto Body & Exhaust Shop, Maple Moon, Cottage Country Log Cabin, Subway, Head Lake Grill, Country Rose Garden Centre, Haliburton Furniture, Gina's Shear Talent, 2-4-1 Pizza, Touch of Class Day Spa, Janis Cox—Author and Illustrator, and Fort Irwin Cottage & Garden Centre. A delicious array of refreshments finished our time together.

The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre, located in the lower level of Stedman's Mall, is a supporting presence and resource to people who are affected by an unplanned pregnancy and its realities. In their sixth year of service to Haliburton County, the Centre continues to offer free pregnancy tests, peer counselling, emotional support, maternity clothes, and baby items to those in need. As a registered charity, the Centre welcomes donations: financial, new or gently-used baby clothes, and baby items (all services are free and confidential). The Centre is open Tuesday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday noon to 4 p.m.

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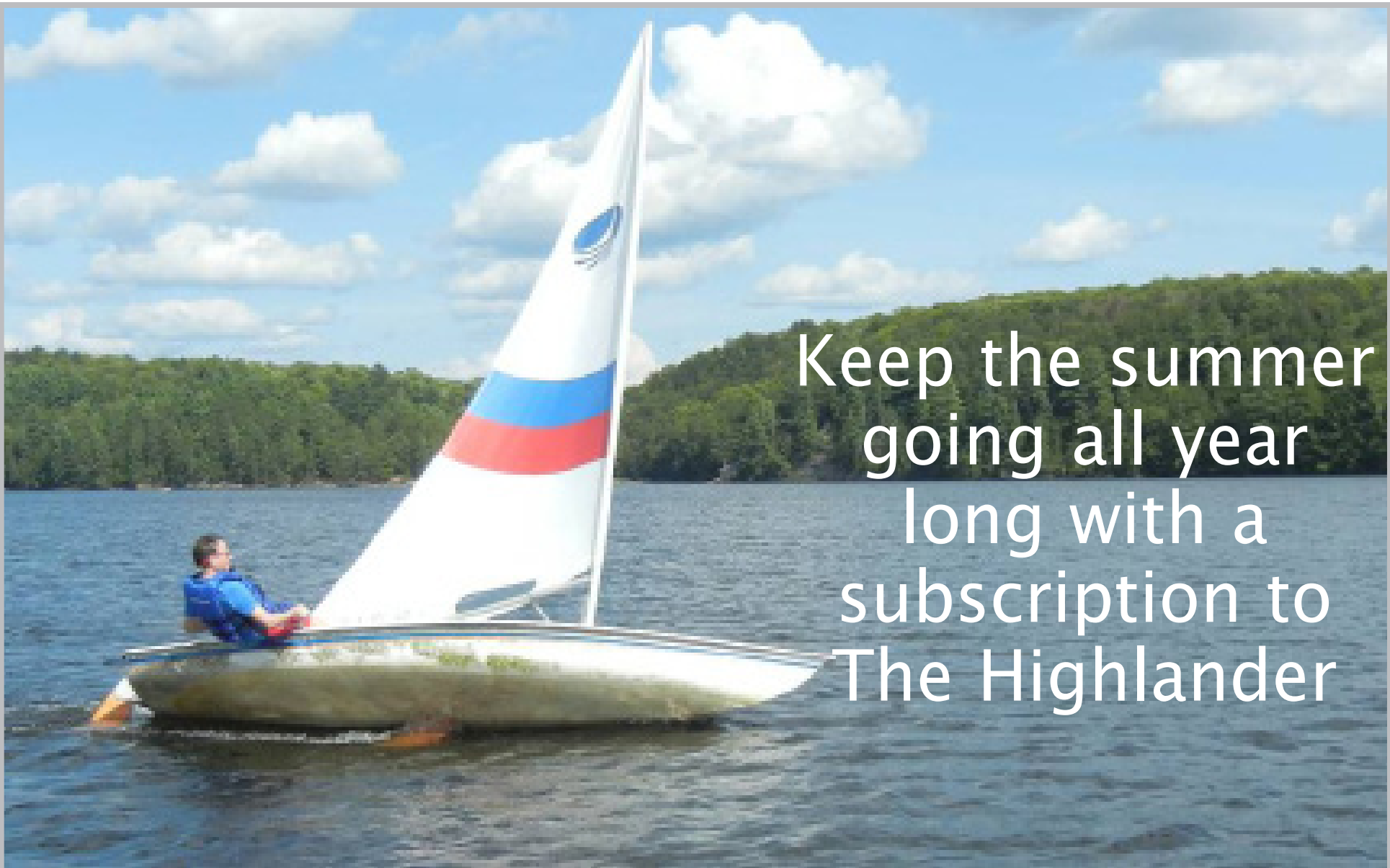
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HMK Children's Water Festival receives cheque

Beth O'Connor (left) of RBC Dominion Securities presents Irene Heaven, Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha (HMK) Children's Water Festival coordinator, with a cheque for \$4,500 on Sept. 14. This is the fourth year RBC Dominion Securities has supported the water festival. They have donated approximately \$10,000 to the event over those years.

Lease space fuels rumours

By Lisa Harrison

The county and Minden Hills have been offered the opportunity to lease 2,136 square feet of space in the building currently occupied by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on Highway 35 in Minden.

However, no word has been given as to why that space is now available. The building is also used by Service Ontario and the provincial probation and parole office.

The county's chief administrative officer Jim Wilson reported the notices from Infrastructure Ontario at council's Aug. 29 meeting.

Warden Murray Fearrey asked about the location of the space within the building, because if it had frontage it would be an ideal area for the visitor information centre.

Wilson replied he understood it was MNR storage space.

"Well, I keep hearing that the MNR is closing the Minden office and that Service Ontario is closing, so how do I get clarification on what's really happening?" asked Councillor Barb Reid, Minden Hills reeve.

"Is this the first wave of real estate becoming available in that building? I

mean, it makes it sound as though it's just a back office portion, but that building can't be more than 3,000 square feet. So is this the whole building or – I'd like clarity as to what's going on."

"They advised me that is all they can advise at this point but I can certainly see if I can get some clarification," Wilson replied.

Wilson had not received clarification and the MNR had not replied to a Highlander request for information prior to deadline. A Service Ontario spokesperson said Service Ontario has no plans to relocate its office from the Minden site at this time.

The county and Minden Hills have until Sept. 20 to indicate interest in the space. Wilson confirmed Wednesday the county will not pursue it. Colin McKnight, interim chief building official for Minden Hills, said he had not heard of any interest in the space from the township.

If the opportunity is declined, under provincial guidelines the property will be opened to the private sector, according to Wilson.

The Infrastructure Ontario notice indicates provincial ministries have a first right on all property should a ministry program requirement be identified through the circulation process.

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Photo by Mark Arike

A Share the Road sign on Lake Kashagawigamog Road in Haliburton.

Residents concerned about road safety

By Mark Arike

Cycling, jogging and walking are all popular activities in the Haliburton Highlands. Each year, many visitors and residents get around by practicing these environmentally-friendly methods of transportation.

But what happens when these individuals feel like their safety is at risk each time they take to the roads for a leisurely stroll or spin? What starts as a pleasurable outing can seem like it's been turned into a dangerous game of cat and mouse. And in this game, the results can be deadly.

"The speeding is ridiculous," said Anne Ptolemy, a Milton resident who has been cottaging on Kashagawigamog Lake Road for the past 72 years.

"When I go 50 [kilometres per hour], which I'm trying very hard to stick with, everyone catches up to me and tries to pass me."

Ptolemy takes her dog for walks twice daily on Kashagawigamog Lake Road. She says most drivers don't adhere to the 50 kilometres per hour speed limit, as well as other rules of the road.

"People are driving as if they're on a country road where there's nobody, and no centre line," she said. "They come up over the hills right in the centre of the road."

Over the years, Ptolemy says many drivers have crashed into mailboxes and gone off the road.

As a road with several resorts and attractions along it, Ptolemy says it's a busy place, especially in the summer months.

"There are people pushing baby carriages, joggers, walkers, hikers and a lot of bicyclists who go by. Piles of motorcyclists go by on the weekends."

In all her time spent cottaging in the area, Ptolemy says she has noticed very little police presence.

"I can't remember the last time I did see one [a police cruiser] on this road. If there's not a lot of presence, there's no encouragement to keep to the speed limit."

Ptolemy made a request to the Municipality of Dysart et al for signage near her property. They responded and put up a

yellow 50 kilometres per hour speed limit sign.

"It was as a result of me calling the municipality and saying, 'we really have to slow the traffic down that's coming into that very twisty area.'"

Just a few kilometers away, in Ingoldsby, lives Robert Barnett. He too says speeding is a major problem and that something needs to be done about it.

"I've been just about hit on two occasions," said Barnett, who lives right in town, across from the lake. "One neighbour of mine said she had to literally jump in the ditch to avoid being hit."

A resident of Ingoldsby for the past 10 years, Barnett says he noticed the amount of traffic in the area triple over a period of six or seven years. He claims he was the only person who advocated for a community safety zone in Ingoldsby a few years ago.

"I caused a bit of ruckus by yelling at people to slow down, taking pictures... any way to get them to slow down," he said.

The speed limit in Ingoldsby drops to 40 kilometres per hour. Fines in a community safety zone are double what they are in other areas.

But according to Barnett, the local OPP haven't made "concentrated, effective efforts" to curb what is a year-round problem.

Sandy Adams, constable for the Haliburton Highlands OPP, says officers regularly enforce the law in Ingoldsby's community safety zone.

"We find lots of infractions there," said Adams.

Handheld radar units are used to measure speed in the community safety zone while equipped cruisers clock drivers along the rest of Kashagawigamog Lake Road, said Adams.

"Many of our cruisers are equipped with moving radar, so while on patrol of Kashagawigamog Lake Road they can measure a vehicle's speed when it is approaching the cruiser or the cruiser is coming up behind it."

Adams says it was not that long ago when the speed limit along Kashagawigamog Lake Road – east of Ingoldsby – was 80 kilometres per hour.

"It would seem to me that some people think that still is [the case]," she said.

Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al reeve and county warden, also lives on Kashagawigamog Lake Road. He says motorists aren't the only ones to blame.

"There's a lack of common sense being used by automobile drivers, cyclists, joggers – they're all guilty," said Fearrey.

He explained that those on foot are often on the wrong side of the road, and walking two or three abreast.

"Cyclists are exactly the same," he added.

When it comes to police enforcement and signage, Fearrey has his own opinions.

"You can put signs up until you drop dead," he said.

"Everyone that walks or jogs blames the automobiles. But if you're in an automobile and you're trying to pass somebody that's three wide on a bicycle, on a hill, and you have to slow down, that's frustrating too."

Fearrey said violators can be found on all of Haliburton County's roads. He believes the OPP are "doing a pretty remarkable job."

"How much more can we afford?" he said when asked if more police manpower is part of the answer. "We're paying a hefty price [on our taxes] for the officers we have now."

Adams said the OPP's number one priority is public safety. She encourages all users to follow the "Share the Road" principals.

"Bicycles are vehicles pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act, and thus are subject to many of the same rules of the road as motor vehicles," she said. "Cyclists are encouraged to stay to the right, ride in single file, use hand signals and always look for motor vehicles attempting to pass. Pedestrians are encouraged to walk single file, facing traffic, especially on roadways where there are narrow shoulders and no sidewalks. All motor vehicles are reminded to please be ever vigilant of cyclists and pedestrians."

This past July, a 70-year-old Thornhill man was struck and killed while jogging on Kashagawigamog Lake Road, near the Bonnie View Inn.

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County asked to ban fireworks

By Lisa Harrison

More education needs to be done about the harmful effects of fireworks, county councillors agreed following receipt of a letter requesting the county ban the use and sale of fireworks.

A Minden resident wrote to the county in August to indicate her anger and frustration over the frequent use of fireworks throughout the summer, even during the fire ban, and to ask county council to consider the ban. She cited human and environmental health issues among her reasons.

Treasurer Laura Janke brought the letter to council's Aug. 29 meeting with a recommendation to pass it to the lower tiers for their review and recommendations, and council concurred.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid advised her council had already received and discussed the letter and staff will have recommendations prepared for their October meeting.

She said Algonquin Highlands is ahead of Minden Hills in preparing legislation, and Highlands East already has some language in place.

"We had originally incorporated the language into our noise bylaw and have since decided to separate it out into a separate bylaw," said Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands deputy reeve, advising a draft is nearing completion. "We're more than willing to share our work with other municipalities."

"And that's in fact what we're doing, is looking to what Algonquin Highlands has done because we see tremendous benefit in having a consistent approach throughout the

county," said Reid.

She said given the short duration of any fireworks event it's difficult to get a bylaw officer out to the site in time to enforce any legislation.

"So all we can do is name and shame."

"I think there needs to be more education on the chemicals they're putting in the lake," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "I think that's something that's been completely overlooked."

Chemicals that have been associated with fireworks for creating either colour or special effects include heavy metals, sulfur-coal compounds and other chemicals. These include lead, barium (poisonous and radioactive), copper (contains dioxin, which is linked to cancer), carbon monoxide, sulphur, arsenic and others that can cause respiratory and other health problems.

Environmental effects that have been linked to fireworks include water supply contamination, acid rain from the chemical fallout and litter that drifts with the water currents into surrounding lakes and streams for miles.

"One other thing that is not noise related but it is somewhat fireworks related are these new balloon things that people are lighting and setting off," said Suzanne Partridge, Highlands East deputy reeve. "I see tons of them going into the lake and so that's another area where we need to educate people."

The balloons, which generally contain LED lights, can drift for miles before descending and then drift again on water currents, all making retrieval virtually impossible.



Submitted by Judy Pergolas

Elementary schools receive donations

The Wilberforce Policing Association has disbanded and they have chosen to donate their remaining funds to the Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary School's snack programs.

Patricia Simiana from the association said that most of their donations came from the community over the years and so they would like to give back to the community. She said it is imperative for children to learn on a full stomach. She is very happy to contribute to the schools snack programs. Each school provides a healthy snack each morning for every student and the program survives solely from donations.

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Rural transit proposed

By Lisa Harrison

Darren Parberry has a dream: Métis Transit, a public transit system for rural Ontario.

In fact, Parberry is dreaming of creating a Métis Transit bus system across the Highlands and Peterborough County in time to carry the many whitewater canoeing and kayaking fans expected at the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games.

Parberry brought the dream to Algonquin Highlands council's Sept. 6 meeting and is also taking it to the other lower tier municipalities and the county to gather support.

Council voted to support the Métis Transit initiative in principle.

The Métis Transit (MT) brochure describes the private venture as Canada's first Aboriginal-owned municipal-style public transit system, designed to be community-based and available to everyone who needs mobility.

"There's no question it's a great idea," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "You know [and] we know it's [lack of public transit] just a perpetual problem across the face of rural Ontario."

Moffatt said any skepticism would be about the township's widely scattered population and the fact that residents generally only want to travel to Huntsville and Minden. She noted extensive research has been done on rural transportation in the area and Parberry agreed MT would benefit from collaboration with the county's Rural Transportation Options working group.

MT's initial study of the township suggests the premium express route would be the first service offered, Parberry told council. Riders would receive a maximum of 10 stops per month, return, for one fee. A MT brochure example lists the premium service at \$30.

Increased numbers of riders and stops could lead to regular service with fees per ride.

MT also proposes a family group pass for any five members with unlimited rides for \$60 weekly.

Parberry said MT currently has no bus routes but is developing a system for four municipalities in Peterborough County, including Norwood, Lakefield and Curve Lake First Nation, and has interest from another three. The City of Peterborough has declined the service.

"I have friends that live in Peterborough without vehicles," said Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry. "If they want to get to Haliburton they have to go to Toronto and then Haliburton, which seems a little ridiculous."

Parberry said MT wants to establish routes now so they're already in place for the 2015 games. He foresees an express route from the Peterborough area to Minden via Buckhorn and Haliburton that would become permanent after the games if it's feasible.

MT will not operate on subsidies but instead generate 50 per cent of its revenue from fares and 50 per cent from local advertising, Parberry told council.

"We know there are lots of local businesses who want to advertise," he said. "They can't afford the upfront fees... What we say is just give us first and last and 10 post-dated cheques. So instead of paying \$700 all at once, you just pay \$70 a month."

Provincial communities supporting MT will undergo a consultation process to determine whether they can sustain service. The company begins with a survey to determine desired routes and service frequency.

Once a service is established, a community transit advisory committee will be formed to provide ongoing feedback. MT will support petitions to the Transport Board for cross-border routes if desired.

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HCDC seeks STEM graduates

By Mark Arike

The average Joe probably doesn't know what carbon sequestration and biochar are all about. But whoever approaches the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and applies for their latest opportunity most certainly will.

The call for submissions states that the HCDC is looking for entrepreneurs from science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields who have an interest in developing a business in Haliburton County that will focus on the opportunities specific to the carbon sequestration and biochar markets in Canada.

The chosen candidate will receive up to \$30,000 in the form of a non-repayable contribution from the federal government to get their business up and running, and a spot in the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for a person who is a recent [STEM] graduate to get assistance through the federal government," said Barb Bolin, chair of the HCDC creative business incubator committee. "Hopefully, in the future if that business works out they'll be hiring someone."

Bolin said the opportunity is one that developed as a result of the work being done at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

"After developing an understanding of what Peter Schleifenbaum is doing at The Forest with biochar, it made us [the incubator committee] realize that there's an opportunity for Haliburton County, specifically with the Haliburton Forest."

According to the Canadian Biochar Initiative, biochar is simply another name for charcoal. It is produced from the pyrolysis of biomass feedstocks. It is high in organic carbon and largely resistant to decomposition.

"It's when you burn wood with little or no oxygen," said Bolin. "What comes out is pure carbon, in sort of a powdery form or very small pieces. When you put it in the forest, it attracts nutrients to the soil and it also helps the soil retain moisture."

"When people are looking to offset their carbon use, they could offset it with biochar."

The idea is that whoever sets up the business would visit other businesses – locally and outside of Haliburton County

– to determine how much carbon they're using, and offer suggestions as to how that business could offset its emissions.

Bolin said this is a new approach for the incubator committee.

"The usual thing we've done at the incubator is wait for a business to look for us. Now we're trying to create a business."

Andy Campbell, general manager of the HCDC, said the candidate must be able to demonstrate that they can invest \$30,000 into the business in order to receive the federal funds.

"They have to have the resources of their own," he said. "It's a matching program."

However, should they require financial support the HCDC could be of assistance.

"If they don't have it all, they could look to us to finance it."

So far, a note about the opportunity had been sent to nearly 100 professors and other staff at Ontario colleges and universities. The call has also been advertised online and through the local media.

STEM graduates interested in applying should email hcbi@bell.net. The deadline for expressions of interest is Oct. 5.

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The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny 🇨🇦
4. *The Bride of New France* by Suzanne Desrochers 🇨🇦
5. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Acclaimed Canadian mystery-thriller author Louise Penny is back with her latest Chief Inspector Gamache novel. In *The Beautiful Mystery*, the cloistered monks of Quebec's self-contained Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups monastery focus their lives on prayer and the simplicity of Gregorian Chants. That is until the murder of their prior and choirmaster, Frère Mathieu, has forced them to open their doors to Inspector Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir of the Sûreté du Québec. It soon becomes clear to Gamache that someone within the wall of the monastery, one of the brothers, must be responsible for the crime.

Penny's novels are great both for readers that expect a good mystery, and those who expect well-written literature. Her descriptions bring the characters and setting to life, placing the reader at the scene and causing you to see, hear and know the things and people populating the story.

If you haven't tried a Louise Penny book, then get your hands on *Still Life*, the first Chief Inspector Gamache mystery. The entire series is available at the Haliburton County Public Library in a variety of formats.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Zoomers gather to support the launch of Haliburton's new CARP chapter.

CARP chapter launches in Haliburton

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's official, Haliburton County has its own CARP chapter.

On Sept. 13, 203 zoomers gathered in the Haliburton Legion for the official launch of Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54. Representatives from CARP, as well as MP Barry Devolin and County Warden Murray Fearrey were all in attendance.

Fearrey said he joined CARP 15 years ago and has always been impressed with the group.

"Although they're a lobbying group, they're always reasonable," he said. "If there ever was a time in our society, when we're in the world economy we're in, that we're going to have to establish priorities and decide what's good for seniors and what's sustainable, [it's now]."

"I think joining CARP is a big plus for Haliburton County."

Devolin said it's important to have groups like CARP to represent the senior group.

"The senior population, the zoomer population, the aging population, is aging," he said. "It is important in our society for different groups to come together and share ideas and interests and make sure those interests are heard."

He said as an MP, he meets with various groups and organizations throughout the year to consult on various issues.

"CARP will fit into that process in terms of consultation for me to do my job as your member of parliament," he said. "I look forward to the chapter being here. I am absolutely convinced this will be a successful organization."

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Photo by Mark Arike

Tiffany Howe's mixed media pieces will soon be in this shed, located behind Tom Green's Glass Eagle Studios.

New Studio Tour artist enters the past

By Mark Arike

After a couple of years of trying, local artist Tiffany Howe finally did it.

She secured her spot on the coveted Haliburton County Studio Tour.

"It feels great," said Howe. "It's an honour."

The 28-year-old mixed media artist said this was her third or fourth attempt at getting on the tour, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Howe said she's had a desire to get on the tour for as long as she can remember.

"It's been running for so long and it's been a really big deal in this town. It was really the one that appealed to me the most for those reasons."

Howe will be a guest artist at Tom Green's Glass Eagle Studios, located on Blairhampton Road. It's a familiar setting for Howe, who worked for the glass artist years ago.

"We met through a mutual friend when I was 16, and I started helping out in the glass shop."

During those four years she developed a friendship with Green, established connections with artists and learned about the business of being an artist.

"Tom has been encouraging my art endeavours for the entire time that we've known each other. He's always been helping me out in any little way he can with my career."

During the tour, which will run on the weekends of Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, Howe will have all of her art set up in an old shed located behind Green's studio.

Before Green purchased the historic property in 2000, it was owned by the late Jan Murray. She also was an artist who participated in the tour, and used the very same shed Howe

will be showcasing and selling her pieces out of.

"She [Murray] was here for a few years, but on the tour for two years (1993, 1994)," said Green, who never met Murray.

"The house sat derelict for years and she moved to Ottawa."

According to a brochure from one of the tours Murray was on, she used various media and created decorative boxes, handmade paper and sculptural papier mâché.

"It's really kind of neat that Tiffany, who works with multimedia, is in the same room that this woman was," said Green.

Howe was friends with Murray's son in high school, but vaguely remembers meeting her once. She also is intrigued by the history of the shed and the woman who made it her studio.

"It's neat to be a part of the continuing creative history on the property," she said, adding that the space will compliment her work well.

"I think that the vintage, rustic look of it suits my work, and I really like the idea of having it in a structure rather than setting up a tent. It's also got that country charm to it."

Through the tour, Howe is hoping to get her name out there as a serious artist.

"My biggest goal is to make people aware that I'm here on the tour," she said. "It's a really good way for people to learn your name, meet you and remember you. I think this will be something that's really great for my career."

As someone who has witnessed Howe's evolution as an artist, Green is confident that she won't have any trouble making her mark.

"She's very resilient," he said.

To learn more about this year's tour, which includes over 30 artists and artisans, visit www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca or call 705-457-9110.

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Highlander sports



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You should start preparing now for your backyard skating rink project.

How to make a backyard skating rink

By Warren Riley

Ice skating is a great recreational sport that the whole family can enjoy. The main problem is that it's hard to find a convenient rink. If you or the kids skate recreationally or play hockey, you know how hard it is to get ice time. Building a backyard ice skating rink is a great way to have fun, stay in shape or keep your hockey skills sharp. Start thinking about your rink now, and start gathering the materials you'll need to complete the project.

Follow these steps to build your own backyard rink in preparation for the new season.

1) Check to see how level your backyard rink site really is. If you have a slope one end to the other of more than 8 inches, reconsider the area you have chosen. Take an approximate measurement of the diameter of the rink.

2) Planning your rink. Today's building materials will allow you to build a skating rink any shape you want. Look at the area in your front or backyard and decide where you'd like to place the rink. The perfect spot is a large flat surface that is not laden with rocks, dips, or other drawbacks. Anything that protrudes more than two inches above ground level may become a hazard and possibly dangerous. Remove the rocks or consider repositioning your rink.

3) Materials required. I recommend not using wood for your supports as wood rots and bends. Another disadvantage is that a thaw will allow water to seep between the

boards and there goes your rink. You will need to purchase PVC pipe that is at least two inches in diameter (that fit the previous diameter measurement you took) along with PVC joints for curves and a large vinyl tarp or heavy gauge polyurethane (.15 mil Poly-Ultra at \$.86 per foot and red 'tuck' tape at \$10.99 per roll) that will fit the entire area of your rink.

4) Lay your poly/tarp for the skating or hockey rink directly onto your yard.

5) Assemble the PVC pipe over the tarp. When you are finished, the PVC profile will take the shape of your rink.

6) You need to leave approximately an inch of poly/tarp outside the PVC piping. Bond or glue the poly/tarp to the outside of the PVC pipe with a heavy duty sealant to prevent leakage by winter extremes. The edge of the tarp should be over the PVC pipe, covering it.

7) Fill your enclosure using a hose until the water level reaches the one-and-a-half inch mark. Water expands when it freezes. If the water level is greater, your ice will end up between two and two and a half inches thick and go beyond the top of the rink.

8) Allow two days of below freezing temperatures to ensure the rink is completely frozen. Your hard work and effort will be rewarded. Then, skate to your heart's content.

Don't forget the most important purchase to keep your ice rink silky smooth. It's the ultimate in ice surfacing and can be stored in the garage; a red and blue Zamboni, which will cost about \$83,331 including tax.

The Computer Guy



By David Spaxman

Microsoft's Windows are like Star Trek movies

Microsoft is set to launch its new operating system, Windows 8, in October. The software will be shipped pre-installed on manufactured computers, Dell, HP, Acer, etc., on Oct. 26. The software, which has been hailed as great for tablets and phones has received a cool response from PC owners. In fact Microsoft has received so much negative input that they have decided to offer any pre-loaded computer with Windows 8 Pro a free downgrade back to Windows 7.

Downgrade rights, which let customers replace a newer version of Windows with an older edition without paying for two copies, are available only in Windows 8 Pro. That fits with previous practices. Only Windows 7 Professional, for instance, was allocated downgrade rights. Downgrade rights became noteworthy after Windows Vista's 2007 launch when many users, frustrated at that edition's problems, mutinied and dropped back to XP. Not surprisingly they have not offered a downgrade to the still used but slated for retirement Windows XP.

Computer manufacturers will be able to offer new Windows 8 Pro PCs that are downgraded to, for example, Windows 7 Professional, at the factory. If you go for the downgrade you will be able to upgrade to Windows 8. "At any time, you may replace an earlier version with Windows 8 Pro," reads

Microsoft's licensing agreement. Computer makers will also be able to continue to sell Windows 7-powered PCs for up to two years after the debut of Windows 8, in other words, until late October 2014.

To me this sounds like Vista all over again. Microsoft seems to make operating systems like the Star Trek movies, every other one was good. Now repeat this mantra, Windows XP – good, Windows Vista – bad, Windows 7 – good, Windows 8 – bad. See the pattern?

It seems to me that Microsoft has developed this software for the tablet and phone and left the PC user hung out to dry. After all can you see a business spending thousands of dollars to upgrade all their work stations to touch screens? If you don't use a touch screen then what's the point in upgrading to Windows 8?

You may have noticed I left out that you may also downgrade back to Windows Vista. I left this fact out because for the life of me I can't fathom why anyone would want to go back to Vista, unless they're into self-torture and pounding migraines. Of course that's just my opinion.

Any questions or comments please e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



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Highlander sports



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Above left: Geoff Kabush (left), Kyle Douglas, Nicholas Emsley, Derek Zandstra, Andrew Watson, Haley Smith and Andrew L'Esperance pose for a shot after a tough stage at the 'Crank the Shield' race on the weekend. Above right: Brad Luby jumps a rock with Joe Obrien on his tail.

Racers 'Crank the Shield' in Haliburton

By Warren Riley

The weekend of Sept. 14 to 16 saw Haliburton County invaded by world class mountain bike champions who participated in the three-stage 'Crank The Shield' (CTS) challenge.

Described as one of the most challenging and toughest mountain bike stage races, the Haliburton CTS delivered as promised. The 'switch-backs' of Sir Sam's and the 45 degree dirt and sand incline to the Haliburton 'Lookout' were just two of the formidable obstacles set in the path of racers during the three-day race.

Course designer Sean Ruppel was instrumental in laying out the grueling terrain for race organizer CHICO. An addition to Ruppel's design was the incorporation and sharing of majestic trails in the Haliburton Forest Reserve.

Renowned mountain bike racer and summer 2012 Olympian Geoff Kabush of 'Scott 3 Rox Racing' led the pack of over 240 competitors. Kabush is a three-time Canadian Olympian, multiple World Cup podium star and the winner of the 2009 Bromont World Cup.

"The terrain is beautiful here in Haliburton and we [Scott 3 Rox] have had fun riding the

courses," said 35-year-old Kabush. "We're used to riding in adverse conditions but Friday's rain was quite challenging for us. It made for a long slog with a lot of cleanup but all in all it was quite enjoyable."

"I've won the World Cup and been on the podium eight or nine times," he added. "I've been active in sports ever since my high school years but focused on mountain biking. I'm a veteran now, still active in it and will participate as long as I can."

Another major competitor was Andrew L'Esperance from Halifax, Nova Scotia racing for the 'Norco Factory Team' of Woodbridge, Ontario.

"This year I've raced the Canada Cup Series along with the North American World Cup," said L'Esperance. "I race for the thrill, challenge and the satisfaction of having a really good day on the bike. The three-day stage CTS Haliburton course was excellence in every respect."

L'Esperance's goal is to one day race in the Olympics by becoming a professional

mountain bike competitor in addition to "courting" his love for the sport.

The youngest and one of the most competitive racers in the two-day U40 (under 40) men's race was 13-year-old Nicholas Emsley of Haliburton. Emsley came first in both the Stage 2 and Stage 3 events with a total time of 7 hours and 29 minutes.

According to 'Team Scott 3 Rox' owner Kris Douglas, several of his team riders have bumped into Emsley.

"We saw Nicholas last year as a 12-year-old and this year at 13 and he is shaping up to be quite a little accomplished rider," said Douglas. "He would be a good candidate for a second set of eyes to keep on him as he grows and matures into the sport. I'm not going to say that Nicholas will be in the Olympics in 12 years but wouldn't that be a great dream to have?"

When asked whether Emsley might become an Olympic contender one day, Douglas responded, "That's a very good possibility," stressing the word 'very'.

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We will have one referee for each game and play three 15 minute periods, score will be kept. We will play four five game series. At the start of each series two team captains will be selected. They would then pick the rest of their team, selecting one player at a time (a coin toss would be done to determine which team captain selects first). Each team captain would be responsible for determining player positions and lines. After the first five games two different team captains will be selected and two new teams would be made to play the next 5 games series. This would then repeat itself two more times (4 times total).

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Highlander sports

Derby girls roll out for another season

By Matthew Desrosiers

Get out your knee pads and dust off your roller skates.

It's derby time.

The Highland Roller Derby Team is looking for fresh meat to round out their team for another season of hard-hitting, smash-mouth roller derby action.

This year, they've even got a new logo.

"We wanted our logo to be sassy and brassy, and have some local relevance, such as the tracks, axe and logging," said Erin Lynch, member of the league executive. "Something that would say 'these gals are from the Highlands.'"

On Sept. 27, Lynch and other members of the team are hosting an information night at McKeck's from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to try on some gear, watch videos and learn about the sport.

"Roller derby is a contact sport," said Lynch. "We wear knee pads, wrist guards, mouth guards and helmets. Be prepared to fall down and be knocked down."

Lynch said any girls over 18 years old are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Traditionally, figure skaters, rugby and hockey players make the ideal derby girl, but that isn't a requirement.

"There are players that previously had never worn skates," Lynch said. "They come out and love the game. It's a good workout."

If you attend a roller derby match, you'll likely see players in colourful tights,



Highlander Roller Girls league logos.

sequined booty shorts or in fun clothing, she said. But being a fashionista isn't a requirement, either.

"We are looking for women who like to push themselves physically and enjoy the camaraderie the game offers," Lynch said. "Our team is an eclectic bunch of women ranging from artists to people that work in health care and the education field."



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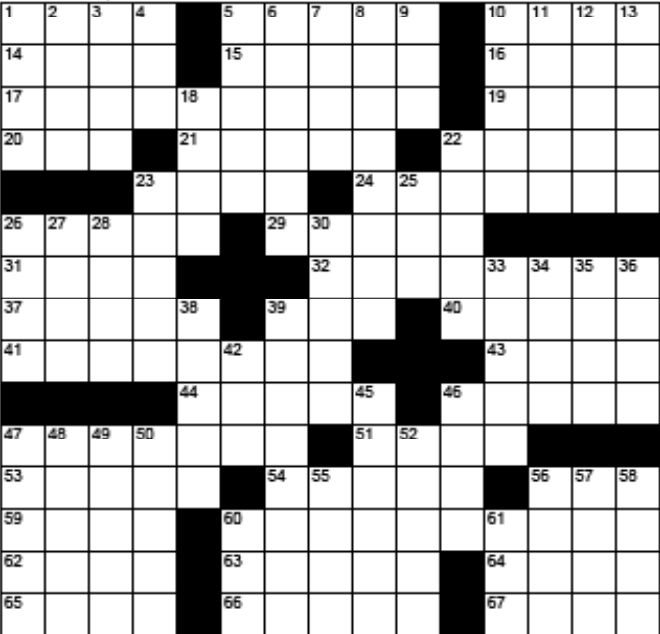
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ACROSS

1. Hades
5. Waste material
10. Stable morsels
14. Locale
15. Kind of number
16. Farm yield
17. Criminal mastermind
19. Eye drop
20. Domestic animal
21. Go inside
22. Sight or smell
23. Chess term
24. Copy
26. Falcon's claw
29. Professional speedster
31. Parched
32. Site of Napoleon's defeat
37. Citrus fruits
39. ____ Francisco
40. Feats

41. San Francisco vehicle (2 wds.)
43. Banana skin
44. ____ Gras (Fat Tuesday)
46. Trunk
47. Endurance
51. Converse
53. Rabbits' kin
54. Aspen visitor
56. Invite
59. Tiny particle
60. Immaculate ____
62. Audition tape
63. Lagoon's boundary
64. Unoccupied
65. Epochs
66. Palm fruits
67. Hand over

DOWN

1. Angelic instrument

2. A Great Lake
3. Pre-Easter period
4. Dally
5. Depleted
6. Moon feature
7. Go by taxi
8. U.S. citizen
9. According to
10. Group of eight
11. Amphitheater
12. Brownd bread
13. Shopping frenzy
18. Thin
22. Fathered
23. Cindy Crawford, e.g.
25. Came across
26. Bath powder
27. Diva's offering
28. Tree branch
30. Prize
33. Plant again
34. Sly look
35. Poems of praise
36. Norwegian port
38. Truckers' vehicles
39. Florida city
42. Tuna container
45. Eave hanger
46. Canvas cover
47. Window blind
48. Starchy tuber (sl.)
49. Scent
50. Office notes
52. Shoe parts
55. Tie
56. Staff officer
57. Auctioned off
58. Leg joint
60. Rogue
61. ____-tac-toe

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Cottage Vignettes

Birds of a different feather DO flock together

By Barbara Szita-Knight, Esson Lake

“Wake up, hurry!” I exclaim. “We have to do it now!”

“Now? It is sooooo early!” my hubby wimps.

“Gotta strike while the iron is hot” I retort.

“Ok” he gives in.

Dutifully out of bed we roll, dress, head down to the lake, pile into the canoe, and paddle out.

Early morning is the best time to perform a water test, something that is repeated by hundreds of cottagers, multiple times a season. Why, you ask? It is just what we lake stewards do. We are a tenacious breed. We constantly nag our fellow cottagers, but it is all for a good cause. Our motivation is simply a love of the lake we reside on – a desire to safeguard its health and longevity so that our children and our children’s children can enjoy its beauty. Remember the lake is not ours; it is on loan to us from our children.

When your job description includes nagging and preaching it is not easy being a lake steward. But it does have moments of wonderment. I remember the first time we tested for invasive species and discovered what ‘critters’ lived seven metres down in our lake. Tiny bodies swimming madly in the confined space of a sample jar. Our two heads close together

staring into a tiny glass watching these swimmers go must have been an odd sight to see. The first question people ask when we show them these ‘creatures’ is “how far down did you say you captured these?” The experience re-enforced my ‘don’t drink the lake water’ mantra.

Add tension to the fray and the job description is never boring. One time we were followed by a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) vessel and sternly accused of fish poaching or netting. The MNR officer had witnessed, from a distance, our haul out of a secchi disc line. Despite this inaccurate accusation we were very pleased to see the MNR protecting Haliburton lakes with such gusto. BRAVO!

Like other cottage association committee members, lake stewards are dedicated to their quest, determined in their approach and most definitely an unselfish breed. They give of their time and energy freely. We are birds who don’t sing or fly on feathered wing, but we do flock together. Many of us will be attending our annual meeting to exchange ideas and learn more, so we may continue to protect the lakes for future generations.

If there is a lake steward on your lake, seek them out and thank them. We need a little love. I know because I am one. Have you hugged your lake steward today?

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LEGION BRANCH 636 golf tournament has been rescheduled to September 25. Four person scramble format, shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. \$50 per person includes 9 holes, cart, dinner at the Legion and prizes. Contact 705-286-4541 for info and to register. (SE20)

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Fair attracts right type for volunteering

By Matthew Desrosiers

Organizations set up shop at the Haliburton Legion on Sept. 15 in an attempt to recruit volunteers at the annual Volunteer Fair, put on by CanoeFM, SIRCH and Community Care Haliburton County.

While numbers were down this year, Roxanne Casey, station manager for CanoeFM, said the right type of people showed up.

"All in all, I think it was great," she said. "Could there have been more people there? Absolutely. [But] the people that came were interested and knew they were looking for a specific volunteer [opportunity]."

The fair saw 70 people come through the doors to investigate their volunteer options in the community. They had over 20 exhibitors to choose from.

"From the feedback sheet, [exhibitors] were really happy because the people that came were interested in volunteering."

Casey said five people signed up to help with Colourfest, while she herself spoke with a number of people about opportunities at CanoeFM.

While organizers did approach the high school, Casey said only a small number of students showed up to the event.

This is the third year for the Volunteer Fair. Casey said she hopes the event will continue.

"We don't have a volunteer centre here," she said. "So this [fair] is the closest we have. We'd like to keep it going. Hopefully we'll try it again next year."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Mabel Brannigan (left) and past president Georgina Parkes present the first place prize for their essay competition to Kathryn Christian at the legion's 25th anniversary celebration on Sept. 15.

Branch 636 celebrates 25 years

By Matthew Desrosiers

In 1987, the Minden Legion Branch 636 had just opened its doors and was trying to establish itself as a partner in this community.

Twenty-five years later, and all signs point to a successful mission.

"I'm so proud of the legion and what we've accomplished over the years," said past-president Georgina Parkes. "It's just amazing."

Parkes has been with the legion for 17 years.

"In a small community, the people who supported us, it's just fantastic," she said. "Our prime concern is to support the veteran's and their families, and of course to help in the community where we can."

"I'd say we have been very successful."

On Sept. 15, the legion opened its doors to celebrate its 25th

anniversary with the community. As part of the celebration, the legion held a contest at Archie Stouffer Elementary School for the Grade 5 to 8 students.

Parkes said they were asked to write about how the legion supported the community.

"They had to do research," she said. "They could call us and ask us information."

Of the 24 entries, they narrowed the winners down to just three.

Kathryn Christian won first prize, Liam McAlister won second, and Jesse Johnson won third. All three students are in Grade 5.

The reason for the contest was to raise awareness among youth about the legion, Parkes said.

"We thought that the children of today really don't know what the legion is about, what we do," she said. "It was astounding what the kids came up with."

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OBITUARIES



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Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, September 14, 2012, in her 95th year.

Beloved wife of the late Jack (1985). Dear mother of Jim and Beth of West Guilford, Mervin and Cindy of Camarvon, Brad (2005) and Carolyn of Maple Lake. Loving grandmother of Michael, Jason, B.J. and great grandmother of Rebecca. Dear sister of Roean and predeceased by Shirley, Merle, Moss, Albert, Delbert and Murray. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to a graveside service and interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Young and old depart from Haliburton's town docks at this year's Terry Fox Run. Right: Minden Terry Fox Run organizer Diane Peacock, left, presents Canada AM's Beverly Thomson with a plaque signifying her as the official run starter.

Communities unite in honour of Terry Fox

By Mark Arike

Terry Fox's legacy lives on in Minden and Haliburton.

On Sept. 16, runs were held in both towns in honour of the late Canadian icon who embarked on a cross-country run to raise money and awareness for cancer research in 1980.

After all was said and done, Minden's Terry Fox Run raised over \$12,600 and had around 175 participants while Haliburton's run brought in over \$6,300 with 82 participants. Dozens of volunteers also contributed to the final outcomes.

In Minden, cancer survivors and those currently battling the disease could be spotted by their red Terry Fox shirts. Local resident Jeanne Anthon was one of the 18 individuals recognized prior to the start of the race.

"I lost my mom and dad, and several relatives to cancer," said Anthon, who has been volunteering at the Minden event since it started 19 years ago.

Anthon was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago and underwent radiation therapy.

"I had a fairly quick recovery and I haven't had new symptoms at all," she said, adding that the battle isn't over yet.

"It's a five-year fight before they consider you cancer-free or stable."

The Terry Fox Run is an event she strongly believes in due



to how the monies raised are distributed.

"An extraordinarily high percentage goes directly to fighting cancer... and it [The Terry Fox Run] has always had a really good reputation."

Minden resident Kathy McKelvey-Brown was another cancer survivor who was volunteering at the event.

"I haven't volunteered before but I've participated," said McKelvey-Brown, who captured the event by taking photos.

McKelvey-Brown was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer and lung cancer 10 years ago.

"I'm in remission," she said. "I'll never get over it because it was in my lymph nodes. So unfortunately, it could come back at any time."

Since being diagnosed, McKelvey-Brown lost a sister to breast cancer and she has another sister currently fighting lung cancer.

Organizers of both the Minden and Haliburton events thanked the local business community, participants and volunteers for their support.

Of the funds raised at all Terry Fox runs – of which there are over 9,000 annually – 84 cents of every dollar goes to cancer research, according to The Terry Fox Foundation's website. To date, The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$600 million for cancer research worldwide.

Highlander events

September 2012 – Week of 20th – 26th

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					*		CanoeFM Bingo	100.9 CanoeFM	6 p.m.	705-457-1009	Listen to CanoeFM
	*						Cribbage	Comm. Care Haliburton	1 p.m.	705-457-2941	Join us every Friday
				*			Contract Bridge	Comm. Care Haliburton	1 p.m.	705-457-2941	Join us every Monday
					*		Wii	Comm. Care Haliburton	9:30 a.m.	705-457-2941	Join us every Tuesday
					*		Chair Yoga	Dysart Library	2 p.m.	705-457-3121	No experience required
*							HH Field Naturalists Meeting	Haliburton Museum	7 p.m.	705-286-0386	Woodland Wildlife Sunc. Spkr.
				*			Community Drum Circle	Rails End Gallery	6:30 p.m.	705-457-2330	By donation. All welcome.
*							Rails End Gallery AGM and Elections	Rails End Gallery	6 p.m.	705-457-2330	
	*						Hike Hali. Concert: Whitehorse	Northern Lights Arts	8 p.m.	800-461-7677	\$10/person, hikehaliburton.com
		*					Hike Hali. Concert: Wolfgang Ibus.	Stanhope Comm Centre	8 p.m.	800-461-7677	Donations, hikehaliburton.com
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					*		Euchre	Minden	1 p.m.	705-286-4541	Every Tuesday
					*		Golf Tournament	Minden	1 p.m.	705-286-4541	\$50/person, call to register
					*		Meat Draw	Minden	Lunchtime	705-286-4541	Every Wednesday
*							Euchre	Minden	7:30 p.m.	705-286-4541	Every Thursday
	*						Radio Club	Minden	10 a.m.	705-286-4541	Every Friday
	*						The Sunday Breakthrough	Minden	7 p.m.	705-286-4541	Admission by donation
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					*		Darts	Wilberforce	7:30 p.m.	705-448-2221	Every Wednesday
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More detailed program information and more specific directions can be downloaded from www.hikehaliburton.com

Please register for your hikes. Space is limited.

Register your hike today by calling 1-800-461-4637 or 705-326-1133 or visiting tourism.gov.on.ca/haliburton

SEPTEMBER 20

1. Black Off BBQ and Registration

SEPTEMBER 21

- # 2. The Art Walk
- # 3. Millstream to Millstream
- # 4. Why Wetlands?
- # 5. Earthwalk
- # 6. Into the Forest
- # 7. A Walk in the Clouds
- # 8. Can you Dig It?
- # 9. It's a Dog's World
- # 10. Hike the Hills
- # 11. Ghost Walk
- # 12. Adventure Film Night
- # 13. Festival Concert - Whitehorse

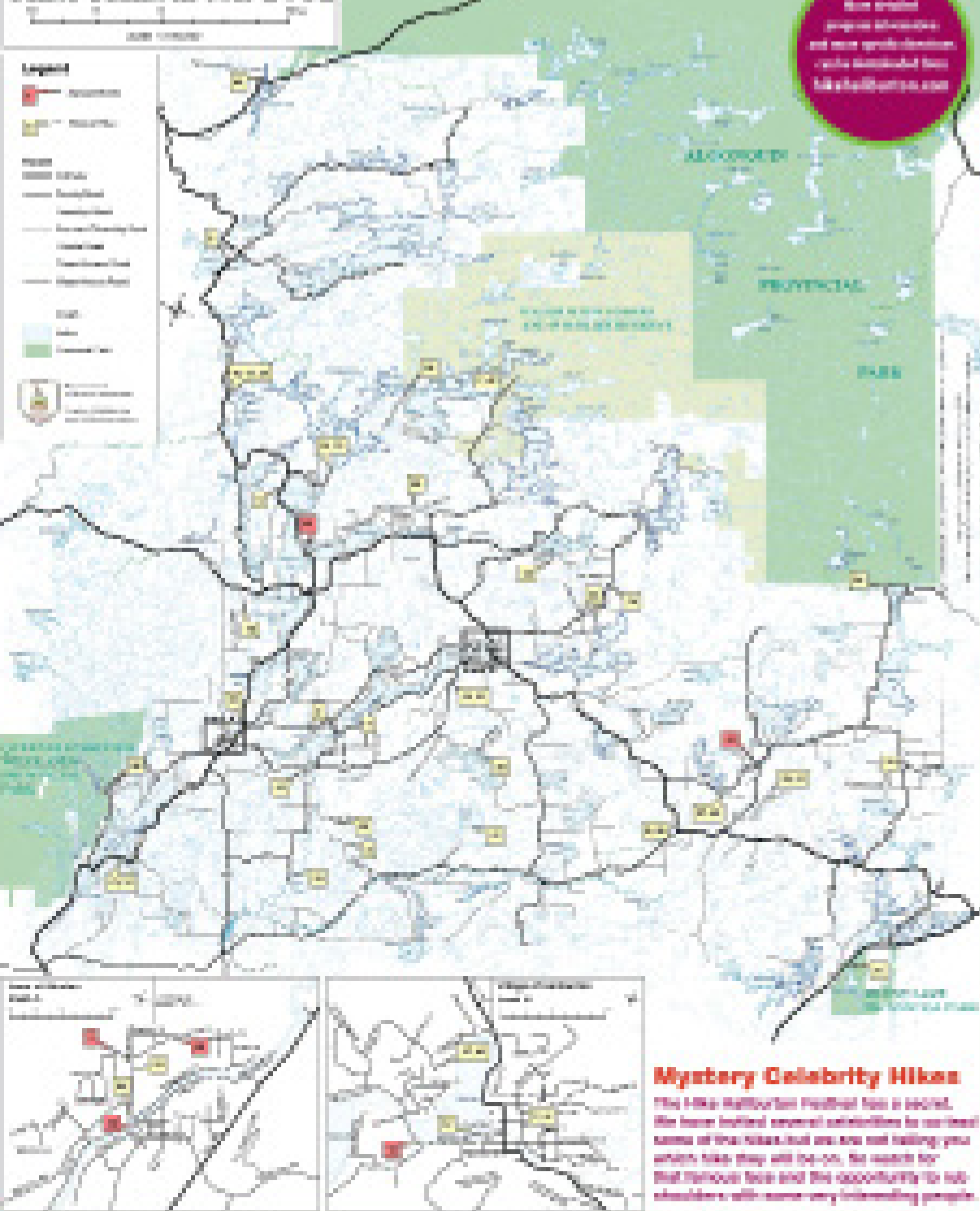
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- # 14. In Search of Old Growth
- # 15. Finding Harbour Wells
- # 16. Sir Sam's Hike or Biker
- # 17. On Beaver's Pond
- # 18. From Woodland to Woodland
- # 19. Caring Nature Deficit Disorder
- # 20. Hiking & Hike
- # 21. Circuit of Five Viewpoints
- # 22. Ghosts of Humber
- # 23. A Walk with Thunder
- # 24. Gutter 'Wild with Maple' **121**
- # 25. The Taste Trail
- # 26. A Walk with Snakes
- # 27. Games Beneath Your Boots
- # 28. On Magnificent Hill
- # 29. Geocaching - Treasure hunting with a GPS
- # 30. Two Hometown Hike
- # 31. Three Lakes Trek
- # 32. A Walk with Snakes
- # 33. Hiking Challenge
- # 34. HikeHike
- # 35. HikeHike - The Wolfgang Bros.
- # 36. Concert - Cameo Blues Band

SEPTEMBER 23

- # 37. Stagger' Out in the Globe
- # 38. On Beaver Mountain
- # 39. High Falls Hike & Hike
- # 40. Into Beaver Lake
- # 41. Geocaching - Treasure hunting with a GPS
- # 42. Dog Discovery Hike
- # 43. The Forest Where It's At
- # 44. HikeHike **121**
- # 45. Ghost Walk
- # 46. The Last Step Pyramid **BBQ** **cancelled**
- # 47. A Walk in the Clouds
- # 48. Old Oaks
- # 49. Can you Dig It?
- # 50. Leave it to Beaver
- # 51. Trail Trailblazer
- # 52. The Forest Walk for Dog Guides

Hike Haliburton 2012



Adventure Film Night, 1900 Whitehorse Valley Club 8pm - Friday, September 21	Festival Concert - Whitehorse, 210 Harbour Lights Performing Arts Centre 8pm - Friday, September 21	Festival Concert - The Wolfgang Bros., 1900 The Harbourfront 8pm - Saturday, September 22	Festival Concert - Cameo Blues Band, 220 Revolution Hotel 8:30pm - Saturday, September 22

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- Ideal retirement home
- 3 bdrms, full finished basement
- oak eat-in kitchen
- brick bungalow, drive thru garage
- 3 lake chain, 2 hr drive to T.O.

Moore Lake - \$299,000



- well maintained 3 bdrm cige
- level lot, sand shoreline, wade-in entry
- boating on 3 lake chain
- 3 bdrms, 8 x 8 bunkie
- 18 x 21 garage, year round road



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Minden Lake \$275,000



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1789 square feet
- 260 feet frontage, 3.55 acres
- Steps away from Minden Lake
- Newly renovated kitchen, full basement
- Workshop/garage with high ceilings

Private Tranquility



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 950 square feet
- Spring fed lake with deep water swimming
- Upgrades include 3 pc bath, woodstove, heated water line
- Year round sunroom with skylights
- Turn key set up ready to enjoy



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Twelve Mile Lake \$599,000



Lindsay Elder**
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- 3 bdrm winterized Vicoroy
- 211 ft sand frontage with south exp
- 3 lake chain & big lake view



- well maintained cige/home - vaulted ceilings
- Generator installed - TURN KEY

Drag Lake \$399,000



Larry Hussey*
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- 3 bedrooms
- detached 2 car garage
- extensive decking and docking
- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 3.39 acres & 187 frontage

Coleman Lake \$249,500



- 3 bedrooms
- quiet motor restricted lake
- private waterfront - gradual entry, sand bottom
- out building could easily be a bunkie
- year round road
- close to amenities

Cul de sac privacy \$199,900



- 3 bedroom bungalow, level lot
- attached double garage
- re-shingled roof, new thermal windows
- lower level rec room, main floor laundry
- sunken living room, eat-in kitchen

Neat as a pin \$196,000



- tread, level, clean shoreline
- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 880 sq ft
- 86 ft deep spring fed lake
- single car garage, lakeside docking
- year round access, 4 season use



Chris James*
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Long Lake \$229,000



- Well forested with towering pines
- south facing lot has 285' of frontage
- 2.4 acres to ensure privacy
- two lake chain, boating, sliding and fishing
- Haliburton village is close by for shopping & groceries

Salerno Lake \$469,000



- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot
- exceptionally well maintained cottage/home



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Little Redstone Lk \$985,000



Susan Johnson*
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- 172' of southwest exposure
- ultimate privacy, clean shoreline
- 5 bdrm custom built year round home



- 2 1/2 attached heated garage
- multi tiered decking, 10 x 10 bunkie
- 3 acres, perennial gardens, waterfalls and more

White Lake Year Round



- 5 bedroom, 3 bath luxury Vicoroy
- Wood floors, custom kitchen
- Master with ensuite, walkout to deck
- Detached 2 car garage, private lot
- Quiet lake, great views, south exposure
- 120 feet frontage, excellent swimming



Diane Knupp*
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Kinmount \$279,000



- 3 bedroom PLUS separate rental bldg.
- Renovated throughout, new furnace
- New windows, insulation, electric, plumbing
- Large lower level rec room w/f fireplace
- Separate 1,200 sq ft rental office bldg.
- Situated in park-like setting, 2.5 acres

Privacy Plus \$319,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,304 sq ft home/cottage
- 340 feet natural shoreline
- expansive view of lake & crown land
- wrap around decking, dock area
- river rock floor to ceiling fireplace

4 Season Retreat \$279,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 800 sq ft
- 100 ft sand waterfront, 0.56 acres
- newly shingled, extensive decking
- cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors
- comes completely furnished



Anthony van Lieshout***
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Redstone River \$199,000



- 1140 BARRY LINE ROAD
- 4.54 acres - 1,875 river frontage
- fully furnished plus appliances
- built in 2007
- 2012 taxes \$945

2315 Loop Road \$129,900



- 3 bedroom in town home
- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- view of Dark Lake



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Roshkung Lake \$949,000



Lorri Roberts*
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- 4,000 sq ft Vicoroy style home
- 5 bedrooms, 3.5 washrooms
- 3 fireplaces, cathedral beamed ceilings
- sand shoreline, deep water at dock end
- 2,000 sq ft decking plus lots more

Halls Lake \$598,900



- custom stone landscaping
- open concept \$2000 Royal Home
- full walk-out basement
- 153 feet clean rock frontage
- 3+1 bedrooms, 3,600 sq ft living space



Dan Roxborough*
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- 157 ft of sand & rock shoreline
- 3 bedroom, open concept
- new dock & woodstove
- completely furnished
- Great rental income



- Panabede log, 3 bedrooms
- 153 feet south west exposure
- large dock
- private
- completely furnished